

## Highland Community Planning Partnership

### Community Planning Board – 21 March

Agenda Item	9.
Report No	CPB 03/19

## Highland Community Justice Partnership (CJP) - Chair Proposal

### Report on behalf of the CPP Community Justice Partnership

#### Summary

The Community Planning Board is asked to consider and agree:

- The inclusion of the CJP Chair in the COG/Community Planning Board membership
- To remit to COG a review of the CJP Chair beyond 2020
- To include as part of that review proposals for reporting and assurance provision around the Community Justice Plan.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Following the implementation of the Community Justice Scotland Act (2016), which delegated responsibility for the implementation of Community Justice to CPPs, the Highland Community Justice Partnership was established in April 2016.

The CJP membership, chair cycle and strategic plan have all been considered and agreed by the Highland Community Planning Board, of which the CJP is a sub group. Its connectedness to the Board has been more a result of circumstance than through a specific structural intention. This paper is intended to formalise the connectedness.

Currently the CJP includes membership from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Highland Council, Skills Development Scotland, Victim Support, NHS Highland, Third Sector representatives, Scottish Prison Service and others. A total annual resource has been available to the CJP of £50k per annum and this is provided on a 12 month term also reviewed annually by the Scottish Government. This resource has been used to employ a part-time Community Justice Manager and undertake some participatory budgeting, engagement and training.

The current CJP plan, which is available [here](#), runs till 2021 and includes some ambitious activities which it is believed demonstrate a genuine desire for collaboration and innovation.

## 2. The Chair Position Currently

- 2.1 The original intention, as outlined in the existing terms of reference previously seen by the CP Board, was to rotate the Chair of the CJP annually and taking account of the CPP Chair rotation (demonstrated below). The responsible organisations are slightly different under the Community Justice Act from those under the Community Empowerment Act (CEA): Highland Council, NHS Highland, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Scottish Prison Service.

Year	CPP Board	CPP COG	HCJP
2017/18	NHSH	Highland Council	Police Scotland
2018/19	Police Scotland	NHSH	Scottish Prisons Service
2019/20	HIE	Police Scotland	SFRS
2020/21	TBC	HIE	Highland Council
2021/22	Highland Council	SFRS	NHS Highland

- 2.2 Shortly after this was agreed and implemented Scottish Prison Service confirmed that they felt they were unable to chair the CJP due to possible conflicts arising from the direct accountability they have to Scottish Ministers.

At that time Police Scotland agreed to continue the Chair until the end of the 2018/19 financial year.

- 2.3 The current chair sits then with Police Scotland and Supt. Macrae will finish his term at the end of March. As per the agreed timetable Group Manager Derek Wilson from SFRS will take over as Chair on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019.

- 2.4 With the retirement of Supt. Macrae no member of the CJP will attend either the CPP COG or Board, resulting in no line of accountability.

It is therefore proposed that for the forthcoming year Group Manager Wilson, in his capacity as CJP Chair, attends the CPP Board/COG as appropriate and agreed by the CPP.

### 3. From 2020 onwards

- 3.1 Due to the ongoing focus around the HOIP and implementation of the CEA, the CPP Board's role in respect of the CJP hasn't had the opportunity to fully mature. Although the CJP is content that the proposal at 2.4 would ensure that a key part of the inter-partnership relationship is maintained there is an opportunity to consider how the CJP fits within the wider CPP role over the course of 2019/20.

- 3.2 Currently all other thematic activities of the CPP have a chair designated from the COG sub-group. As part of the review the CP Board could consider whether it has a preference for:

- a) The CJP's identified Chair to gain automatic membership to the COG/CP Board
- b) The COG to appoint a Chair to the CJP (similar to the other areas)
- c) An alternative approach

- 3.3 As the Highland Community Justice Plan is ultimately owned by the CP Board the following year also presents an opportunity, now the CJP is more established, to review the CP Boards preference for reporting and assurance provision on its progress.

Recommendation

For the **Community Partnership Board** to agree:

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